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第 1 話

Chapter 1

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250 YEARS
AGO, ON
OCTOBER 10
2010, TWO
HEADLINES
APPEARED ON
THE EARLY
MORNING NEWS
IN TOKYO.

LOCAL
UNIVERSITY
STUDENT OOTA
HISAKI WAS
KID BY AN APP-
ROACHING TEAM
WHILE TRYING
TO SAVE A MAN
WHO FELL ONTO
THE RAILWAY
TRACKS...

INTERNATIONAL
OUTCRY TOW-
ARDS THE DRAMA
ACCOMMODATION
FOR THE WORLD'S
FIRST NUCLEAR
TESTS CONDUCT-
ED ALONG
THE COAST.





THERE HAS
BEEN A RAIL-
WAY TRACK
ACCIDENT
IN TOKYO.
PERSONS
TRAVELLING
STATION



THE FIRST
NUCLEAR
TEST IN
AMERICA
WAS THE
CRISIS
ACROSS-
TOUNION...



CRISIS

I FORGOT
TO TURN
THE TV
OFF!



THE LOCAL
UNIVERSITY
STUDENT WHO
TRIED TO
SAVE HIM



THE 16 YEAR
OLD MALE
WHO FELL
ONTO THE
TRACKS DIED
UPON IMPACT
WITH THE
APPROACHING
TRAIN



HIS OCHA
HUSSEI-RAM
WHOSE
DEATH AT THE
HOSPITAL HE
WAS DOWN-
FERRED TO
HIS...



THE GOTA
AND YAMADA
FAMILIES
HAVE ALWAYS
BEEN ON
BUD TOWNS



GOTA HIGURASHI
AND YAMADA
TORAO

FOR THE
PAST 50
YEARS ITS
BEEN THE
TOWNS
COMPLETE
VICTORY.

THE
GOTAS
ARE DONE
FOR.

THE GOTA
WERE HEAD
OF THE
FARMER-
MEN'S UNION
AND THE
YAMADA
WERE
HEAD OF THE
BOATMEN.

THE OLD
DRAGON
LIVES TO
BATTLE
TWO MUCH.

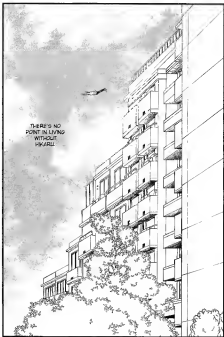




















IT WAS LIKE
A DREAM

HURRY BACK
... LET'S VISIT
THE SHRINE ON
NEW YEARS
TOGETHER



☆ HAT

LET'S GO
TO THE SHRINE
TOGETHER



CERTAINLY
THE THING
I WANTED
THE MOST

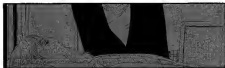
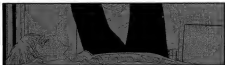


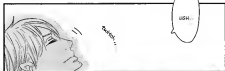
HIKARI
WAS

HIS COOL
HIKARI-KUN
WAS
DEATH AT THE
HOSPITAL. HE
WAS TRANSFERRED
TO HIS
COMPART

THE LOCAL
UNIVERSITY
STUDENT WHO
TRIED TO
SAVE HIM



















ACTIVATING
YOUR ANDROID
IS A VERY
SIMPLE
PROCESS!

YAMADA
TORUO-KUN

I WILL BE
OF SERVICE
TO YOU

WITH YOUR
RIGHT HAND,
SLOWLY STROKE
THE ANDROID'S
HEAD THREE
TIMES.

HERE...

IF YOU
WOULD
PLEASE

WITH JUST
THAT, YOUR
PARTNER FOR
LIFE WILL
ARRIVE













TODAY IS...
THE 10TH OF
DECEMBER,
2080...



THIS IS A
SHELTER BUILT
TO PRESERVE
THE ENVIRONMENT
THAT LIVED IN
250 YEARS AGO



THE CONCEPT
OF COUNTRIES
NO LONGER
EXISTS.

THERE ARE
3 FEDERATIONS
IN THE WORLD.
JAPAN IS A
STATE IN ONE
OF THEM.

THIS IS
JAPAN...?

ARISE
IN THE
STATE OF
JAPAN!

WHERE
IS THIS...

IT'S THE
CAPITAL OF
JAPAN. THE
FORMER CAP-
ITAL MOVED
ITS FACILITIES
TO ISLAND
IN 2050.

- 2046 The third Pacific War broke out between the People's Republic of China, United States of America, and India.
- 2047 End of war.
- 2054 The fifth Indo-Pakistani war breaks out.
- 2055 After the fall of the Communist Party the previous year, the People's Republic of China with its rising far righters joins the war.
- 2058 31 countries, including Japan, join the war.
World War III commences.
- 2059 The first nuclear weapons to be used since World War II are deployed in South Africa.
- 2091 End of World War III.

* Many problems intensified, such as the overpopulation in India and the continent of Africa, the rapid decrease of agricultural produce due to global warming, hostility between developed and developing countries, religious conflict, the significant influx of refugees, and the spread of infectious diseases.

- 2099 The first nuclear terror attack in history is recorded.

* Up until 2095, the number of nuclear terror attacks, including small scale attacks with less than 100 casualties, totaled to 103 cases. The number of deceased surpassed those of WWI's 10,000,000 people, WWII's 60,000,000, and WWIII's 850,000,000 with 1,200,000,000 deaths. Retaliation from the countries resulted in 3,300,000,000 deceased. The world's population is reduced by a third.

- 2104 World War IV commences. Ends in the same year.

* From the small-scale wars until now, after the end of the World War in 2094 the 3 Great Federations are established successively.



NO WARS
HAD OCCURRED
IN THE PAST
100 YEARS —

SINCE THEN,
THINGS HAD
ONLY BEEN
SMALL
DISPUTES.



THEY ALMOST
SAVED YOUR LIFE,
BUT YOU WERE IN A
VEGETATIVE STATE.

TOMA
COMMITTED
SUICIDE BY
JUMPING IN
DECEMBER
2010, RIGHT?



THE OLD
MAN AND
WOMAN...?

THAT
CAN'T
BE...



BY THE WAY,
YOU WERE THE
FIRST CASE
AUTHORIZED BY
THE JAPANESE
GOVERNMENT



TOMA'S
PARENTS
USED THEIR
ENTIRE
FORTUNE

TO PUT TOMA
UNDER STILL-
EXPERIMENTAL
CONSERVATION



AND FOR
WHEN TOMA
WAKES UP,

TO PREPARE
AN AMERICO
EXACTLY THE
SAME AS
TOMA'S
LOVER, OOTA
HIKARI.

TO KEEP
TOMA PROBLEM
UNTIL THE
NEUROSURGERY
TREATMENT
BECAME
POSSIBLE

YOUR PARENTS
WISH NOW...
TO WAIT FOR
TECHNOLOGY TO
ADVANCE



I'M HERE
THANKS TO
TOM'S
PARENTS.

...THAT'S
WHY.



DIDN'T
OCCUR
UNTIL THE
2000s.

...BUT
THE RISE OF
THE ANDROID
INDUSTRY

IF IT WAS
ONLY TOM'S
SURGERY,
THEN THAT
WAS POSSIBLE
IN THE 2000s...



ANDROIDS
WERE FIRST
USED AS WEAPONS
IN THE FOURTH
WORLD WAR...

...BY USING
MILITARY
TECHNOLOGY
DESIGNED FOR
THE EFFICIENCY
OF ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
WAS...

THEY TRIED
TO FILL THE
EXTENSIVE GAPS
IN POPULATION
WITH ANDROIDS



ISN'T IT
KIND OF
COOL?

THERE WAS
EVEN HAND-
TO-HAND
COMBAT
CONDUCTED BY
ANDROIDS...

THAT'S WHY
THEY'RE ALSO
CALLED PROXY
WARS NOW!







YOU'RE
GOING TO
FOLLOW IN
MY FOOT-
STEPS

LISTEN UP,
TORAO. MAKE
SURE YOU DON'T
LOSE TO THE
ODOT'S SON



JUST
LOOK AT
THE ODOTA
FAMILY
...!!

JUST WHO
DO YOU THINK
IS LETTING
YOU LIVE SUCH
A COMFORT-
ABLE LIFE...!



DO YOU HAVE
ANY IDEA HOW
BLESSED
YOU ARE...!

WHAT ARE
YOU UNHAPPY
WITH, YOU
UNGRATEFUL
...!!

YOU
DISGRACE...IT
DON'T...DON'T
YOU EVER
COME BACK
AGAIN!

W... WITH A
MAN... ON
TOP OF THAT,
IT'S THE COFFEY
SON...?!

BUT...
YOU'RE SUCH
A FINE YOUNG
MAN...

APOLOGISE TO
YOUR FATHER,
ORSE...? YOU'RE
JUST
CONFUSED

TO...
TORAO...

SELFISH...

TORAO...

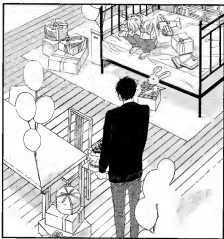








I'LL BE OF
SERVICE TO
TODAY





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第2話

Chapter 2









DEE,
TODAY'S SO
TROUBLE-
SOME





I LOVE YOU

EVERY
TIME

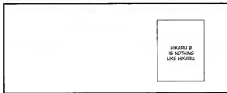
I SAY



EVERY TIME
I SAY I LOVE
YOU, I END
UP LOVING YOU
MORE...

YOU HAVE
A REALLY
CUTE FACE,
SO







HIBARU'S
LIPS WEREN'T
THIS DARK.



HIBARU'S
EYES WERE
A LIGHTER
COLOUR



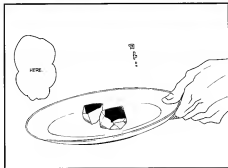
YOU HAVE
REALLY
LOW BLOOD
PRESSURE,
YOU KNOW.

HAVE YOU
GOT NO
APPETITE?
HOW ABOUT
AN APPLE?



THERE'S NO
HELPING IT,
SINCE YOU HAVE
LOW BLOOD
PRESSURE.

DON'T YOU
WANT AN
APPLE?
I'LL BRING AN
APPLE FOR
YOU.



A BAD
QUALITY
KROOK
OFF.

WAVE UP,
KROOK. TALKING
TO YOU, KROOK.

BUT WHO IS
THE ANDROID
WORSE THAN
THE REAL
THINGS...

I CAN
UNDERSTAND
RECORDING A
PERFECT
ANDROID...

TORA!

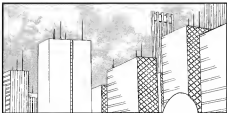
A NOT
REPLACED
ANDROID.











THAT...
MIGHT HAVE
BEEN QUITE
THE MACHO



GOOD,
YAMADA!
TODAY-SUN

TIME
SPENT IN
STAIRS...
250
YEARS?



STUDYING
THE CHANGE
OF SOCIETY
IN ORDER
TO SUPPORT
YOUR SMOOTH
REINTEGRATION
INTO SOCIETY...

WE WILL
HAVE YOU
TAKE 3
MONTHS OF
SHORT COURSES



IN ORDER
FOR HUMANS
AND ANDROIDS
TO MAINTAIN
A PLEASANT
STATE OF
COEXISTENCE



NOW THEN
I WILL BEGIN
THE LECTURE
ON THE
SYNOPSIS
WITH ANDROIDS



YAMADA





ONLY THOSE WHO
RECOGNIZE
THAT "JERODDS
ARE NOT
HUMAN"

HOWEVER,
FOR THE
HUMAN THAT
USE JERODDS,
A FIRED GEMSE
OF ACTUALS
IS NEEDED...



NOW, IN 2240,
THE AVERAGE
NUMBER OF
JERODDS PER
HOUSEHOLD IS
OVER 1.4, AND
AS OUR PARTNERS,
JERODDS
ARE...



"I hope you
can get me
a Jerodd for
Christmas!"



"God
help
me."



CAN
ESTABLISH

TRUE
CONVER-
SION



OF COURSE,
THERE ARE
AREAS LIKE
THE FORMER
KANTO REGION
THAT AREN'T
POLLUTED

AREAS LIKE
OZE, SHIRAKAI
ARE ABUNDANT
WITH NATURAL
SCENERY...



I CAN...
WHAT I
NEED IT'S
BECOMING...



IN THE
STATE OF
JAPAN, AREAS
NORTH OF
AOMORI HAVE
BEEN HEAVILY
AFFECTED BY
POLLUTION...

NATIVE
SPECIES IN
AREAS LIKE
OSIMIZONO
HAVE YET TO
RECOVER



OZE,
RIGHT...



GODDAMN,
RIGHT? RIGHT?













WHAT WOULD
YOU LIKE TO
EAT TODAY?

TORA-SAN

TORA-SAN

SURROAST?

OF
COURSE!

...YOU
HAVE MY
FAVOURITE
FOODS IN
YOUR GUTA
TORY

SABYO
TORY

I KNOW
EVERYTHING
ABOUT
TORA-SAN





SORRY

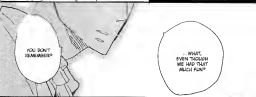


OTC...

.....



I DON'T
SEEM TO HAVE
ANY MEMORIES
OF OTC.



YOU DON'T
REMEMBER?

... RIGHT,
EVEN THOUGH
WE HAD THAT
MUCH FUN!





...SINCE YOU'RE
WROONG, THEN

THE
TRUTH IS

...SO YOU
FORGOT



I'M SORRY.

...I MUST
HAVE POSS-
OTTEM TO
TRANSFER
SOME DATA
OVER

IF I
ENCOUNTER
AT THE
CENTRE THEN
SURELY...



I'VE
NEVER
BEEN TO ONE

ONLY



I'LL HAVE
MONEY SO
WE CAN GO
NEXT YEAR



WE'VE NEVER
BEEN ON A
VACATION
TOGETHER

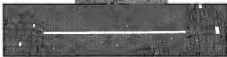
—YOU
DON'T KNOW,
DO YOU?



IT WAS ONE
OF THE MANY
PLACES I
WAS GOING TO
GO TO WITH
HERSELF

CALISE
YOU'RE A
FAKE...!!

"ONE DAY"









I LOVE
YOU



I LOVE
YOU

NOTHING
LIKE HIMSELF



I'M
SORRY

A BOY
REFUSED
ANSWERS

第 3 話

Chapter 3







ALL THIS
AND NOT
ANYTHING

LAST I REMEMBER
WAS BEING IN
THE BLUE ROOM



STUCK TOGETHER
IN A ROOM
THAT WAS
THE

WATER









TOM-SAY
REALLY
ATTRACTS
TROUBLE



BUT,
WELL...

YOU HAVE
ME NEED TO
PROTECT YOU
FOREVER
SO IT'S FINE.





SWAMPERS
IN THE
MIDGLANDS.

ARUM
SPERM
CORRIGES
IN THE
EARLY
MORNING.

IT'S FULL OF
MANY PLANTS
NATIVE TO THE
WETLANDS.

A WOODEN
PATH THAT
CROSSES THE
WETLANDS.

WILL YOU
TALK AS
THERE ONE
DAY?

or
sometimes?



THAT DAY
WAS THE
FIRST TIME
WE SLEPT
IN THE
GAME BED.

MY
HEART'S
BEATING

DON'T MAKE
FUN OF ME.

YOU
MEAN YOUR
DRG IS
BEATING
REALLY
FAST.





NOR
TOO
HEAVY



NOT TOO
LIGHT

AN ANDROID
THAT DIS-
EMBEDDED HIM

GORDY





I COULDN'T
LAY IT BACK.



HARUKI KEPT
ON WATCHING
ME WHILE
STROKING MY
HEAD.



ARE YOU
SLEEPING
NOW?

IS THAT
YOUR
MOM?

WHAT A
NICE
SYSTEM.

WHEN I
ASKED HIM
IF HE WAS
GOING TO
SLEEP.

IF THAT'S THE
CASE THEN I
WON'T EVER
HAVE TO WAKE
UP ALONE.

HE SAID
"I'LL GO INTO
SLEEP MODE
ONCE TORU-
KUN FALLS
ASLEEP."



GOOD NIGHT.

IF I STAYED
AWAKE YOU
WOULDN'T
GO TO SLEEP,
WOULD YOU?



GOOD NIGHT,
TORA-KUN.

THAT DAY
WAS ALSO



I NEVER
THOUGHT IT
WOULD BE
THE LAST
NIGHT I'D
SPEND WITH
HIKARI.

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第4話

Chapter 4



.....
.....



IN THE
MORNING,
WHEN I
OPENED
MY EYES

I WAS
ALONE.



IT WAS THE
FIRST TIME I
Woke TO SOME-
THING OTHER
THAN HEARING
"GOOD-BAY"
SINCE THE DAY
I Woke UP.

HEARLY?







BECAUSE
THAT WAS
THE SMILING
IMAGE OF
HIMSELF



"GOOD
MORNING,
KOSHIKI
TORACHISAMI"



DID YOU
WAIT LONG??

I'M SORRY
I'M LATE







IN OTHER
WORDS, I'M
NOT DOTA
HIMURA'S
SUBSTITUTE

BUT THE
SUBSTITUTE
OF DOTA
HIMURA'S
SUBSTITUTE





FEEL THE
APPLE SKIN
FOR YOU
PROPERLY
UNLIKE ME.

HE CAN
DRIVE THE
JED CAR
PROPERLY



AND CAN
COOK WELL...

WON'T TAKE
THE WRONG
TURN.

THE ANDROID
TOLD THE
PILL...





RESEMBLE
OTA HIKARU
MORE...



I DON'T
REALLY
RESEMBLE
OTA
HIKARU

A BAD
QUALITY
KNOCK
OFF

I'M SORRY,
TOMA-SAN

A BOB
REDUCED
ANDROID

GOODBYE,
TOMA-SAN

THANK YOU,
TOMA-SAN



HEO KNOWS

IT WAS
PROBABLY AN
INAPPROPRIATE
EXPRESSION

...WHAT
DID HE SAY
AT THE END?

THE SOUND
WAS DELETED
BY THE
COMMITTEE'S
CENSORSHIP

I WILL BE
OF SERVICE
TO YOU

PLEASE
ACTIVATE ME,
YAMADA
TORAO-SUN

...WHAT?
LET GO...!





WITH JUST
TEXT.

WITH YOUR REEF
AND SLOWLY
STROKE YOUR
ARMACHS AND
TUNE THEM.

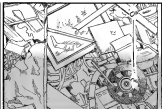
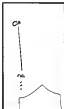
YOUR PARTNER
FOR LIFE WILL
SERVE YOU.

9

—

10

11



OH NOISE,
DON'T STOP
MOVING!!!



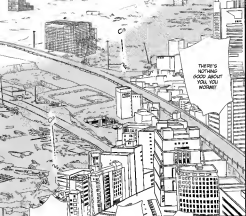
WHAT DID
YOU SAY???

I'M
PROGRAMMED
FOR HEAVY
LIFTING BUT
MY BODY'S A
HOUSEHOLD
MODEL...



SORRY...

WHAT'S WITH
YOUR FRAIL
LOOKING BODY??
ARE YOU SURE
YOU'RE A HEAVY
LIFTING MODEL??



THERE'S NOTHING
GOOD ABOUT
YOU, YOU
MORANT

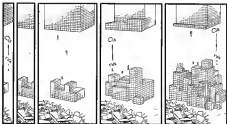
ONCE YOU'RE
BROKEN IT'S
THE END FOR
YOU, YOU
MORANT

YOU'D BETTER
BE CAREFUL.
NOT TO
DAMAGE
YOURSELF!!

THERE'S NO
SUCH THING
AS FORTUNE
TO SPILL, YOU
MORANT

YES!

YES
GIRL!









WHY NOT?

I'M NOT
GOING BACK,
TOKI-SUN!

DON'T
CAUSE ME
TROUBLE

4

I'M ALSO
AN ANDROID

WE'RE
JUST AN
ANDROID

BECAUSE
YOU HAVE
SPECIAL
POWER



THAT
AND/OR
MIGHT
HIMSELF... IT

I'M NOT
TOMA-SAMA'S
LOVER, OOTA
HIKARI.



BUT
HE'S



THE ONE WHO
RESEMBLES
OOTA HIKARI
THE MOST.



SHUT UP...
I'M NOT
CRYING...

ARE YOU
SAD?

ARE YOU
HAPPY?

ARE YOU
CRYING?
TORA-SAN



BECAUSE
YOUR TEAR
GLANDS ARE
OVERFLOWING

THAT IS WHAT
HUMAN TEARS
TO AS TEARS

...THE
REASON
YOUR EYES ARE
SPARKLING
MORE THAN
USUAL IS



I'LL BE OF
SERVICE
TO TORA-
SAN

ARE YOU
HAPPY OR
SAD?

IT'S THE
2ND TIME
I'VE SEEN
TORA-SAN
CRY

SHUT
UP... I
I'LL KILL
YOU!

ANDROID
ONLY CRY
WHEN
THEY'RE
BORED





NOT CRYING.
LAUGHING. OR
BEING SAD.

A FACE
THAT HAD
ALL OF
THOSE
MIXED-UP
FEELINGS

NOT ANY
ONE OF
THOSE.
BUT

IT WAS
A FACE
LIKE A
HUMAN'S







AAA, I
WOULN'T
MAKE IT.

THE
FALLING
BUILDING
CAME INTO
VIEW

I THOUGHT
TO MYSELF
"I'M GOING
TO DIE THIS
TIME"



I THOUGHT
IT WAS MUCH
BETTER THAN
THE FIRST
TIME.



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IT'S NOT MY
FAULT, I'M SET
TO REACH THE
SAME AS HIKARU

PLEASE...!
GO ON A
DIET...!



AND RIGHT
NOW I'M TWO
LEGS LIGHTER

第 5 話

Chapter 5







IF IT'S JUST
TOM-SUN
ALONE

AROUND
2400

IT'S HARDLY
REACHABLE



.....

JUST LEAVE
ME ALONE
I HATE IT



REALLY??

YEAH...

AS IF
I'D KNOW

SEE...

THAT'S
RIGHT, IT'S
THE BEST
PLACE IN
JAPAN...

NO, THE
BEST IN THE
WORLD IN
TERMS OF
SCENERY.

DON'T
WE PROMISE
TO GO TO SEE
TOGETHER?





TORA-SAN...

HAFT...

I'M
GONNA IT
FOR MY
OWN SAKE.



I'VE ALWAYS
HAD MONEY

AND NEVER
HAD FRIENDS



AND THE
PERSON I
FELL IN LOVE
WITH 2ND YEAR
AGO DIED BEFORE
I COULD DO
ANYTHING
FOR HIM



THAT'S
WHY...

I WANT TO
DO MY BEST
FOR YOU, THE
PERSON I
LOVE...



SO I'M
DOING THIS
FOR MY OWN
SAKE.



THERE'S
NO NEED TO
DO THAT
FOR A
ROBOT.

...YOU
SHOULD DO
THAT KIND OF
THING WITH
OTHER
HUMANS.



YOU DON'T KNOW
HOW TO USE A
ROBOT PROPERLY
BECAUSE YOU
SLEPT THROUGH
ALL THE CLASSES,
TOMA-SAN.



...YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND
HUMANS
EITHER.

...HUMANS
WILL.



OR A
GOLDFISH.



A DOG.



WHETHER
IT'S A
ROBOT.

A STAMP
THAT'S BEEN
USED.

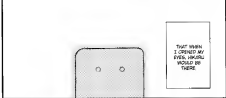


HUMANS WILL
DO THIS FOR
THE THINGS
THEY LOVE.



GOOD
MORNING,
FARMER!
TODAY'S SUN.

I WAS
HOPING...



THAT WHEN
I OPENED MY
EYES, HIKARU
WOULD BE
THERE.



HOW ARE
YOU FEELING?



AND WHERE
IS THAT?

WHAT
DAY IS
IT?

... THIS
IS THE
DESERT.
JAD







THAT'S WHY
THE EXTREME
TEMPERATURE
CHANGES OF THE
DESERT AND WARM-
FUL SANDSTORMS
DON'T AFFECT
YOU AS MUCH

While I cannot
explain you,
my horse I can
understand. She feels
lonely and dry and
wishes she were

Can you
and my horse?

YOUR
CONTAMINATED
ORGANS RE-
QUIRED LONG
TERM TREAT-
MENT...

EVEN SO,
FOR YOUR
BODY TO
COMPLETELY
RECOVER

Of course
that includes
for some time
500 years ago

WE SPENT
JUST 6 MONTHS
TOGETHER

AFTER
SLEEPING
FOR 250
YEARS

YOU WERE
GONE WHEN
I OPENED
MY EYES.

THEN AFTER
ANOTHER 200
YEARS ASLEEP

13

HE COULD
HAVE BEEN
RECOVERED...
OR HE COULD
HAVE BEEN
LEFT THERE.

THERE ARE
NO RECORDS
LEFT OF THE
ANDROID THAT
WAS WITH
TORAO-SAN

YOU ARE A
HUMAN, BUT
HE IS ONLY
AN ANDROID

NOT SOME-
THING TO
PROTECT...



PROFESSOR...
DO YOU THINK
HE WILL FIND A
REASON TO
LIVE?



HEH

HIS BODY HAS
NOT SUFFERED
THE EFFECTS
OF RADIATION
FROM THE TWO
WORLD WARS



YOU MEAN
TOSHAO-KUN?



HOWEVER,
HE NO LONGER
HAS ANY HUMAN
CONNECTIONS

DUE TO
THE MEDICAL
VALUE OF GENES,
HE WILL BE KEPT
ALIVE THROUGH
OUR PROTECTION

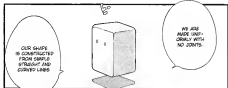


CAN SOMEONE
REALLY LIVE
UNDER SUCH
CONDITIONS?



END

THE END



I BELIEVE
IT WAS BE-
CAUSE IT
WAS LUCKY.

THOUGH
THERE WERE
MANY REAS-
ONS...



GOLYT

THE REASON
WHY HUMANS
ARE SHAPED AS
THEY ARE NOW
IS BECAUSE
BILLIONS OF
YEARS OF
NECESSITY.

MACHINES
DON'T HAVE
THAT SAME
NEED...



GIRAFFES
HAVE LONG
NECKS BECA-
USE THEY EAT
THE LEAVES OF
TALL TREES



MACHINES
MADE TO LOOK
LIKE HUMANS
ARE LUCKY.

THAT'S
RIGHT.





NO MATTER
HOW DETAILED
THEIR PROGRAM-
MING WAS,
THEY WERE
STILL UNBORN.

THAT IS
WHAT I
THINK.

THEY FOUND
THE HUMAN
SHAPE OF THE
MACHINES TO
BE USUALLY

SO HUMANS
FOUND THAT
SUBTLE UNI-
QUENESS.



SORRY,
IT IS JUST
MY OWN
OPINION.

.....



I AM OFTEN
TOLD THAT I
AM TOO PROG-
RAMMED FOR
A MACHINE.



THEY'RE
MOVING ACC-
ORDING TO THE
PROGRAMMING
THAT TELLS THEM
TO BEHAVE LIKE
YOUR LOVER.



BOTH HEADS A
AND HEADS B
ARE ADDRESSING.



SOLO-SINGING
ACTIONS ARE
CONTRADICTORY.



TOWARDS
NEWER ADDRESSES.
TOWARDS HIGHER
PERFORMANCE.



BY CHANGING
FROM AN OLD CAR
TO A NEW CAR,
PEOPLE MAKE
THE INDUSTRY
PROGRESS.



.....
I... I'M
STILL TO
LIVE...



...THERE ARE
HUMANS WHO
ARE INFO
ARTICLES,
THOUGH.



THE LAST
REMAINING
RECORD OF
HAKURO IS IN
FROM WHEN HE
WAS ASSIGNED
TO THE GARBAGE
DISPOSAL.

...THERE'S
ABOUT A 1%
POSSIBILITY OF
HAKURO IS STILL
EXISTING.



—

OUT OF ALL
THE ROBOTS
I'VE MET,

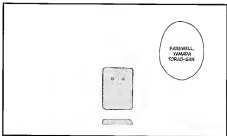
GOODBYE,
40P

YEAH,
I'M GOING



YOU WERE
THE MOST
HUMAN-LIKE







MY FATHER
KEPT SAYING
UP UNTIL HE
PASSED AWAY
THAT HE'D
MAKE GO
WITH UNDER
40%...

BECAUSE
IT'S CONVE-
NIENT, YEAH!



WHEN I RAN
OUT OF TRAVEL
FUNDS I'D GO
DAY LABOUR.

HAVE YOU
EVER SEEN
A JUNGLES?







OH, IT'S AN
OLD-FASHIONED
PARENTS- THE
PEOPLE OF THE
PAST WERE
VERY POLITE

YOU
CAME
FROM
THE
CHINA
BLOODY

YOU COULD
STAY A LITTLE
LONGER...



HEY, THERE
AREN'T ANY
TOWNS YET
HERE



SINCE IT'S BEEN
A WHILE SINCE
THERE HAVE
BEEN ANY
CUSTOMERS...



THAT'S WHAT
I HEARD FROM
A TRAVELLER
SOME TEN YEARS
AGO...







THEN SLEEPING
FOR ANOTHER
250 YEARS, TO
WAKE UP ALONE.

SLEEPING FOR
250 YEARS,
THEN SPENDING
9 MONTHS
TOGETHER



THE
NUTRIENTS...
THERE'S STILL
ENOUGH...



THE FUEL'S
ALMOST RUN
OUT...



MY EYES
ARE DRY...
MAYBE I
SHOULD'VE
GUARDED MY
EYES TOO...



ANOTHER
DOWN TO
ONE...

THE OPS
WENT VERY
ACCURATE
EITHER



SEARCHING FOR
A PLACE THAT
MIGHT BE GONE
ALREADY

TO MEET
AN ANDROID
THAT MIGHT NOT
BE THERE



... DAMN,
THE SAND
MAKES IT
HARD TO
BREATHE.



A WOODEN
PATH THAT
CROSSED THE
HIGHLANDS...

OVERLIES
IN THE
MIDLANDS

IT HURTS...
TO BRATHE

LADDER
DRUM
CARRIAGES
...IN THE
EVENING



Bwah

ASH, IT'S
NO GOOD, IT
HURTS...



I'VE HAD
ENOUGH

NO MORE

I'M
HUNGRY
TOO

I CAN'T
FEEL MY
FEET



IT HURTS,
I CAN'T TAKE
ANYMORE

SAY THERE
WAS CT OF
A POSSIBILITY

INSTEAD OF
SAYING THERE
WAS A 12
POSSIBILITY,
AGP SHOULD
HAVE JUST

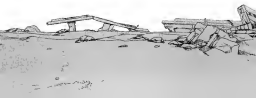
AND THAT
HICKORI
WAS BROKEN
INTO SCRAP
METAL, BEING
USED

IT SHOULD
HAVE JUST
SAID THAT
INSTEAD.

THAT
HICKORI
HASN'T BEEN
ANYMORE

IF IT HAD
SAID THAT

THEN...







IF...
I'M STILL
TO LIVE

TOGA-SAMA
ONE DAY





ONE DAY,
WILL YOU
TAKE ME
THERE?

THEN I
WILL LIVE
FOR THAT
PROMISE.











WHOEVER
INVENTS THE
PERFECT HAIR
LOSS MEDICINE
WILL SURE
BE RICH ...



PLEASE GET
THE SHAVING
CREAM FOR
ME, DADDY

YES,
PROFESSOR.



...LEARNERS
ARE FULL OF
CONTRADICTIONS,
PROFESSOR



BUT





THESE
CONSTRUCTIONS
ARE REALLY
ELEGANT.

TORE-SUN?

[BONUS TRACK]





SOUNDS
THAT AREN'T
ACTUALLY
THERE

...IT'S AN
ILLUSION
WHERE YOU
CAN HEAR

250 年の歴史

AN ILLUSTRATION OF 250 YEARS



HIRAKU IS
HIS OWN
IDEA

ALL THAT'S
RIGHT!



THE
MORNING
COMES

THE MORNING
COMES

THE
MORNING
COMES











ALL THAT'S
LEFT?



THE MORNING
COMES



THE MORNING
COMES



THE MORNING
COMES

AND THEN
AROUND
THE TREE
THINGS
BECOME
QUIET ONCE
AGAIN

THE NIGHT
SKY IN THE
DISTANCE
STARTS TO
SEEM LIKE
MIDDAY

OVER AND
OVER THE
NIGHT FALLS

THE MORNINGS
COME AGAIN
AND AGAIN

THE NIGHT
FALLS AGAIN
AND AGAIN



TORI-SAN'S
HOUSE WAS
COMPLETED



IF I WAS
A HUMAN

THEN
SURELY

IF ONLY I
WAS A HUMAN
TOO!





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